GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – GA(SPF&MC)Department – Disciplinary proceedings initiated against Smt. K. Vasundhara, Court Officer (Retd), APAT(abolished) under Rule 20 of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991- Acquitted by the Hon'ble VIII Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Hyderabad in C.C.No. 166/2014 – Inquiry officer appointed – submitted Inquiry report - Further action dropped –Orders-Issued.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (SPF&MC) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 1868 Dated: 30-10-2024

Read the following:-

1. From Assistant Registrar, APAT(Abolished), ROC.No.53/2023-ADMN.,dt: 23.08.2023 & 23.12.2023.
2. Memorandum of Articles of Charge No.2-Admn/ 2014, Dated 10-07-2014.
3. Statement of defense of Smt.K.Vasundhara, Court Officer(Retd.) APAT(Abolished), dated 31-07-2014.
4. Govt. Letter.No.GAD01-SERV0ATES(ESCM)/9/2019-SPFMC, Dt.30-06-2021.
5. Acquittal orders of the Hon'ble VIII Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Hyderabad,in C.C.No.166/2014 dated 28-4-2023.
6. G.O.Rt.No.182, GA(SPF&MC)Dept., Dt:29.01.2024.
7. G.O.Rt.No.183, GA(SPF&MC)Dept., Dt:29.01.2024.
8. Memo No. GAD01-SERV0ATES(ESCM)/9/2019-SPFMC, dated 28.06.2024.
9. Representation of Smt. K.Vasundhara, Court Officer (Retd.) A.P.A.T(Abolished) dated 08.07.2024.

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ORDER:

Whereas, disciplinary proceedings were initiated against Smt. K. Vasundhara, Court Officer (Retd), APAT (Abolished), under Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services(Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 on the allegations of involved herself in a criminal offence of cheating and forgery in issuing fake appointment orders to 25 candidates to the post of Junior Assistants in former Andhra Pradesh Administrative Tribunal by taking an illegal gratification of Rs.6,25,000/- as an advance at the rate of Rs.25000/- per candidate. Articles of charge were issued against Smt. K. Vasundhara, Court Officer (Retd), APAT (Abolished). She was placed under suspension w.e.f 22.11.2013.

2. Smt. K. Vasundhara, Court Officer (Retd)., was permitted to retire from service w.e.f 30-06-2021 and she was sanctioned provisional pension by the Government basing on the pay drawn by her at the time of suspension in the year 2013.

3. As regards the criminal case pending against the charged officer., the Hon'ble VIII Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Hyderabad, has disposed of the case and acquitted her in C.C.No.166/2014 on 28-4-2023.

4. Further, an Inquiry officer has been appointed in terms of Sub-Rule (2) of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 and he has opined in his report dated 29.05.2024 that *"Given the circumstances, the available records presented before me, and the oral deposition submitted by the Charged official, it is concluded that the orders of the Hon'ble VIII Addl.Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Hyderabad in C.C.No.166/2014, dated 28.04.2023 are valid and upheld due to in-sufficient documentary/physical evidence against the charged official".*

5. The copy of the Inquiry report, has been communicated to the Charged Officer Smt. K.Vasundhara, Court Officer (Retd.) A.P.A.T(Abolished) under Rule 21(2) of A.P. Civil Services (Classification of control & Appeal) Rules 1991 with a direction to submit her representation, if any, on the findings of the Inquiry Authority, within (15) days for taking further action in the matter vide Memo 8th read above.

6. Smt. K.Vasundhara, Court Officer (Retd.) A.P.A.T(Abolished) in her representation dated 08.07.2024 has requested the Govt to regularize the suspension period and pay all the consequential benefits as she was acquitted by the Hon'ble VIII Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, City Criminal Courts, Nampally, Hyderabad in CC.No.166/2014, dt.28.04.22013 and as per findings and report of the inquiry officer for the said offences and also keeping in view of her financial & health conditions

7. Government after careful examination of the matter, hereby order to drop further disciplinary action against Smt. K. Vasundhara, Court Officer (Retd), APAT(abolished), Hyderabad keeping in view of the findings of the Inquiry Authority and also the acquittal orders of Hon'ble VIII Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Hyderabad in C.C.No. 166/2014.

8. Regarding regulation of suspension period will be examined separately. The Asst.Registrar, APAT(abolished), shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr POLA BHASKAR
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (SERVICES)

To:
The Asst.Registrar, APAT(abolished),
Smt. K. Vasundhara, Court Officer (Retd), APAT(abolished)
Vijayawada through the Asst.Registrar, APAT(abolished),

Copy to:
The Prl.Accountant General(A&E), Vijayawada.
The Pay and Accounts Officer, A.P., Mangalagiri.
PS to Prl.Secretary to C.M.

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SCETION OFFICER